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- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference No. 3 is attached hereto.

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	1	5,624,436	04/29/1997	Nakamura et al.			
	2	5,637,109	06/10/1997	Sumiya			
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	3	Hashishin et al. "Shock Sound Characteristics of Biotissues by Laser Irradiation", Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Science and Engineering, Kinki University, pp 1-6					
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